

Berwyn Man Named New Arsenal Chief

Appointment of Lt. Col. Raymond C. Costabile, of Berwyn, Ill., as commanding officer of the Joliet Arsenal was announced in Washington, D. C. yesterday.

An overseas veteran of the China - Burma - India theater in World War II, Col. Costabile has been accorded several military honors. These include the bronze star, for meritorious overseas service in ammunition supply in the operation of a major ammunition depot; the American defense medal, Pacific - Asiatic medal, American theater medal, World War II victory medal and two battle stars for the China defense and the central Burma campaigns.

IN ADDITION, the 49th ordnance battalion, of which he was a top officer, was awarded the



LT. COL. R. C. COSTABILE

meritorious service plaque for its service in the CBI theater. Several commendations in addition to awards were made for his overseas service by the commanding general of the CBI theater.

Col. Costabile was commissioned a second lieutenant in the reserve officers' corps in 1937, and was called to duty in the national emergency in July, 1941, as a first lieutenant with the ordnance department.

After a tour of duty at the Savanna ordnance depot as a company commander of an ordnance ammunition company he was sent as magazine officer to activate the Portage ordnance depot, at Ravenna, O., in 1942.

IN FEBRUARY, 1942, after

being promoted to the grade of captain, he served as operations officer until September, 1942, when he was ordered to the office of the chief of ordnance, ammunition supply division, Washington, D. C. After a brief training period of ammunition supply procedures on a staff level, he was returned to Savanna ordnance depot in November, 1942, as chief of the field service division.

In August, 1943, he was promoted to the grade of major.

In January, 1944, Lt. Col. Costabile was transferred to the CBI theater. While serving overseas, he commanded the largest ammunition depot within the theater, located 30 miles from Calcutta and known as the Kanchrapara ordnance ammunition depot.

IN DECEMBER, 1944, while overseas, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel. After V-J day he returned to the States where he was assigned as the executive officer of the Nansemond ordnance depot in Virginia.

In June of this year he was appointed in the regular army of the U. S. with the ordnance department and will continue his career as an ordnance officer.

THE NEW commanding officer was educated at the Harrison High school, Chicago, and obtained his bachelor of science degree in chemistry at the University of Illinois in 1937.

Col. Costabile is married and has one son. His family resides at Berwyn.